(b) what is the programme for the expansion of T.V. in U.P. during the next three years, the names of places to be covered under the programme and the percentage of population to be covered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) About 84% population of Uttar Pradesh is covered by TV service against the National average of 70% expected to be achieved on completion of VI Plan schemes.

(b) The 7th Five Year Plan proposals of Doordarshan have not yet been finalised, and will depend upon the availability of resources.

Indian labourers sent abroad

2873. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI; Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Indian labourers who have been sent to foreign countries during the last two years: and

(b) the names of those countries where these labourers have been sent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) and (b) Country wise details of Indian Labourers sent abroad during 1983 and 1984 are as under : —

Country	No. of Workers
1	2
Bahrain	34,408
Iraq	24,399
Jordan	1,044
Kuwait	19,956
Libya	11,079
Oman	92,318
People's Democratic Republic of Yemen/Yemen Arab Republic	3,080
Qatar	12,134
Saudi Arabia	1,71,374
UAE	49,845
Singapore	509
Others	10,801
TOTAL :	4,30,917

Preference to cooperatives in distribution of essential commodities

2874. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued instructions to all State Governments to give priority to cooperatives in the distribution of essential commodities in their States;

(b) whether the State Governments have been following this direction; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) The Central Government have suggested to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations that the cooperatives should be given a large role in distribution of essential commodities under the public Distribution System. In some States, the number of the fair price shops are more in the cooperative sector.

Import of films by non-resident Indians

2875. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of films imported by non-resident Indians last year

and this year under the non-resident Indian imports scheme; the number of films cleared and released for exhibition;

(b) what are the reasons of delay in clearing the remaining cases; and

(c) what was the objective of this non-resident Indian imports scheme and the extent to which these have been fulfilled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL),: (a) Upto 18-8-85, 51 feature films had been cleared by the National Film Development Corporation for import by the non-resident Indians. As per copies of bills of entry submitted by the non-resident Indians, upto 18-8-85, 27 films had actually been imported—all in 1985. As regards release of these films for exhibition, the non-resident Indians are not in all cases required to give information to the Corporation;

(b) The applications of non-resi dent Indians for import of feature films are cleared expeditiously. In those cases where there is delay, the reasons generally are:

(i) Non-submission of relevant documents required to be sent with the applications: and

(ii) Non-receipt of a print/video cassette from the applicants in the absence of which the films cannot be pre-viewed.

(c) The main objective of the po licy regarding import of films by non resident Indians is to import good non-MPEAA (Motion Picture Export Association of America) foreign films in larger number, as the National Film Development Corporation can import only a limited number of films due to constraints of foreign exchange. Thrt objective has been fulfiled to some extent. A number of for eign films Have already been impor ted. However, due to absence of the guidelines regarding quality of films to be imported, initially, all tihe films were not of good quality. Such guide-lines have since been notified on Ist July, 1985.

राजस्थान में दूरदर्शन केन्द्र

2876. **श्री भंवर लाल पंवार :** क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) राजस्थान में दूरदर्शन सुविधाएं कहां-कहां उपलब्ध हैं ;

(ख) शेष इलाकों में दूरदर्शन सुविधा कब तक सुलभ करा दी जायेगी ;

(ग) क्या पाली जिले को भी सम्मिलित करते हुए सिरोही जिले में हाई पावर (उच्च क्षमता का) टी०वी० रिले केन्द्र लगाने का कोई प्रस्ताव है ; यदि हां, तो इसे कब तक लगाया जायेगा;

(घ) क्या सीमावर्ती इलाकों में स्थापित लघु क्षमता के दूरदर्शन केन्द्रों को उच्च क्षमता में परिवर्तित करने का कोई प्रस्ताव है ; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री वी० एन० गाडगिल) : (क) राजस्थान में इस समय दूरदर्शन ट्रांसमीटर जयपुर, सूरतगढ़, गंगानगर, जोधपुर, उदयपुर, कोटा, अलवर खेतड़ी बीकानेर, भीलवाड़ा, अजमेर, जैसलमेर और बाड़मेर में कार्य कर रहे हैं। दिल्ली आगरा तथा भटिंडा के दूरदर्शन ट्रांसमीटर भी राजस्थान के कुछ भागों को सेवा प्रदान करते हैं।

(ख) राज्य के कवर न हुए क्षेत्रों में दूरदर्शन सेवा की व्यवस्था करना भविष्य में संसाधनों की उपलब्धता पर निर्भर करेगा ।

(ग) जी, नहीं ।

(घ) जी, नहीं ।

(ङ) सीमावर्ती क्षेत्रों सहित देश के कवर न हुए क्षेत्रों में दूरदर्शन सेवा का विस्तार करना भविष्य में संसाधनों की उपलब्धता पर निर्भर करेगा ।